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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Greg Berry for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C/NF) During what was described by FCO Afghanistan Desk Officer Tom Burns as a mainly "morale boosting" trip to Afghanistan on August 21, Brown reportedly emphasized to Karzai that the security assessments he had received from British and Afghan commanders in Helmand were-----

2. (C/NF) Brown spent an hour with UNSYG Special Representative Kai Eide, who expressed concern over slow progress on the security situation, Cabinet Office Readout-----

3. (C/NF) In a subsequent conversation with the Cabinet Office's Afghan Officer Helen Evans, she echoed the FCO readout, but stressed that the UNSYG Eide's downbeat assessment of the Afghan leadership, including Karzai, according to Evar LONDON 00002181 002 OF 002  
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